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Attention: Sue Kiser

Dear Ms. Kiser:

With this letter, and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following amendment of the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments' (SBCAG) 2006/07 - 2010/11 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
4	<b>State, and Local Elements</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Programs Traffic Solutions Program project (MPO Id: SBCAG2) to provide services to reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality by reducing reliance on single vehicle use in Santa Barbara County. This project is funded from the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program.</li><li>• Deletes Santa Maria River Bridge Widening project (MPO Id: CT13) as the High Priority Projects Program funding available for this project is programmed in the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments' 2006/07 - 2008/09 FTIP. This project is included in SBCAG's FTIP for information only.</li></ul>

See Enclosure.


I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration approve this FTIP Amendment No. 4 for inclusion into California's 2007 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP, in fiscal years beyond the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP, are not approved as part of this FTIP amendment and are for information only. Please note that the approval of this amendment does not constitute eligibility determination for the projects from this amendment that are funded from CMAQ Program.

The updated programming is for projects in air quality attainment area that is exempt from the conformity determination requirement. The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis. These projects are included and submitted by SBCAG through the California Transportation Improvement Program System.

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. SBCAG prepared this FTIP amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Abhijit Bagde, of my staff, at (916) 654-3638.

Sincerely,



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Acting Chief  
Division of Transportation Programming

Enclosures

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